

WASHINGTON, DC – Representative Lee Terry (R-NE), along with Nebraska Representatives Jeff Fortenberry and Adrian Smith, and Senators Mike Johanns and Deb Fischer, sent the following letter to President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton urging the swift approval of the Keystone XL pipeline:

**On January 22, 2013, Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman transmitted a letter to you with the completed evaluation on the Keystone XL pipeline re-route. We are writing in support of inclusion of this evaluation in the Supplemental EIS, which shows a minimal environmental impact and a substantial economic benefit to our home state.**

**Many expressed concerns about the original pipeline route. In an effort to avoid sensitive environmental areas, a new route was proposed, and our State has worked to reasonably address concerns. When the initial application was denied, we were told it was not based on the merits of the project but rather on insufficient time to assess the application with a revised route through Nebraska.**

**We believe this route and the state's environmental review meet your criteria and successfully resolve concerns to move us toward greater American energy security. We respectfully request that you complete this process so that Nebraska and our nation can continue to work towards energy independence, improving our economy, and putting Americans back to work.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Lee Terry (NE-02)  
Member of Congress**

**Jeff Fortenberry (NE-01)**  
**Member of Congress**

**Adrian Smith (NE-03)**  
**Member of Congress**

**Mike Johanns**  
**U.S. Senator**

**Deb Fischer**  
**U.S. Senator**

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